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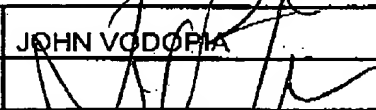
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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**a. ☒ **Previously submitted**i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on JANUARY 21, 2004.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☐ **Enclosed**i. ☐ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☐ Other _____ (may not be a brief)2. **Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (May not exceed 3 months; Fee required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i))b. ☐ Other _____3. **Fees**a. ☒ The Commissioner For Patents is hereby authorized to charge all required fees except the issue fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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